

Pleasant Hill PTA Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 11th, 2007
10:00am

DATES TO REMEMBER

Picture Day – Thursday, September 13th
Wrapping Paper Sale Ends Monday, September 17th
Fall Fest Moved from September 21st to October 12th
Entertainment Book Sales Begin Friday, September 21st

Next PTA Meeting on Tuesday, October 16^h @ 7pm

Attendance: (32 people)

Ms. Feldman, Ms. Seifert, Karen Schutz, Mary Hanson, Pat Murakami, Joanne Wojcik, Jennifer Draznik, Kellie Hill, Judy Benka, Dawn Wurtz, Donna Hirsch, Pat Jandura, Melissa Larsen, Sue Erickson, Jennifer Johnston, Jan Sieben, Barb Shereda, Theresa Bednarek, Colleen Novak, Monica Leonard, Wendy Rowen, Sheila Cassato, Cathy Petersen, Kristen Berryhill, Trina Struecklen, Jan Bartecki, Jeannie Purdy, Susie Fox, Mary Vanek, Anne Smith, Trina Garcia, Julie Blume

Treasurer's Report (Chair: Diane Johnson)

- Treasurer's report presented.
- Total balance on hand as of September 7th, 2007 is \$7,186.
- Note costs for variety show (\$32). Add to budget next year.

Teacher's Representative (Mr. Dano)

- Great participation in Parent Orientation!
- New AR program is in transition. Teachers and students are learning to use new software. Currently we are working through some computers issues. New Dell computers can handle the Adobe software, but the older computers still need software upgrades. Teachers are working as quickly as possible to get the AR tests working on all computers.
- MAP testing is complete. Testing went smoothly and results will be released when all schools are done. Great job!

PTA President's Report (Co Presidents: Karen Schutz and Mary Hansen)

- Sign up for General Membership Meetings. Four delegates needed. Meeting dates are September 17th, February 25th, and May 12th.
- Sign up for PCEE meeting
- Sign up for District 37 Annual Dinner on October 22nd @ Bristol Court
- Photo Op Out Form that was distributed only includes pictures that are sent out in the District. Pictures will still be in the yearbook and inside the school displays.

- New principal search is targeting to start meeting with parents in October. Interim principal likely.
- Other schools have received complaints regarding phone trees. Discussion took place to see if Pleasant Hill had similar complaints. No one had heard of any complaints so no further action was taken.

Principal / Assistant Principal Report (Laurel Feldman / Kristy Seifert)

- Thanks for the warm welcome!
- Huge turnout at Parent Orientation. Seemed to be a lot of children in the hallways. Need additional reminders next year not to bring children to the Parent Orientation.
- The school messenger system was activated last week for the cancellation of the Parent Orientation due to the power outage. This is an automated system that calls all the families of Pleasant Hill with a recorded message. This automated system also provides a list of the responses (no answer, left message, picked up, hung up, etc) for every number dialed so we can make sure we have contacted everyone.
- Palatine's Helping Hand information will be sent home this week. This program is done in conjunction with Palatine police department.
- ISAT scores are in and should be mailed out within the next couple of weeks.
- Our goal this year is to have 100% membership in the PTA.

OTHER TOPICS DISCUSSED

Storm Response on August 24th, 2007 (Ms. Feldman)

- Per Ms. Feldman, here is a recap of what happened on August 24th regarding the storm:
NOAH is the school system used to alert the staff if there is any bad weather in the area. As of 1:00pm that day, only a thunderstorm had been called for our area. Since this was only the second day of school, no disaster drills had been practiced by the classrooms. As a precautionary measure, a note was delivered to all the classrooms instructing the teachers to quietly review the disaster procedures in case of emergency. . They did not want to alarm anyone at this time, as there was no indication of any tornados in the area. The NOAH system was continually checked all afternoon and no alarms went off. At dismissal time, a decision was made to hold the buses until the storm subsided. All children who were standing outside without parents when the storm hit were immediately brought into the school. Anyone who needed shelter was also let into the building.

Special Thank You

- Peggy Wilson expressed her appreciation to all those in the Pleasant Hill community that have helped her family in the last few weeks. The meals and support have been wonderful! Thanks Karla!

AR Lists at Palatine Library

- Need access to new AR list at the Palatine Public Library.

Parking Lot Safety

- A concern was raised about a bus using the back parking lot to pick up and drop off children. This process is wreaking havoc in the back and bringing traffic flow to a dead stop. Ms. Feldman will look into this.
- Parking lot safety continues to be a hot topic. Lots of discussion took place about dangerous situations in the parking lot. Ms. Feldman has been physically out in the parking lot every day talking to parents about dangerous driving practices. Bottom line, PARENTS & CHILDREN NEED TO BE MORE CAREFUL IN THE PARKING LOT!

Speeding

- Drivers are driving too fast on Illinois and Cedar! Now that Pleasant Hill gets out of school closer to the time Fremd High School gets out, there seems to be more traffic on the major streets. Please be careful that your children do not follow the crossing guard out into the street until he tells you it is safe to walk across. Also, please write down the license plate numbers of any vehicles you see speeding and call police.

Safety Patrol

- The question was raised if Pleasant Hill would consider using safety patrols again. Ms. Feldman and Ms. Seifert will look into this item.

COMMITTEES

Art Awareness (Chair: Carol Hansen)

- Send all volunteer sign up sheets to Carol Hansen. Training sessions will happen in the next two weeks.

Care & Concern (Chair: Karla Manner)

- No report.

Cultural Arts (Chair: Carol Hansen)

- Two assemblies have been planned. Victor, a guest speaker, is coming October 19th and the Great American Talent, a games show, is tentatively booked for December 20th.

Environmental Education (Chair: Margo Ban)

- 1st Waste Free Lunch of the Year is Wednesday, September 19th.
- Need helpers to sort through the bags of Lost & Found items to determine what items can be sent to the District 15 Coat Closet at Sanborn School. Email Margo Ban (margo_ban@yahoo.com) if you would be interested in meeting Margo at school to sort.
- Saturday, September 29th, is the Motorola Electronics Drop Off Event. It is located at the Motorola campus in Schaumburg from 9am-3pm. Check the website, www.swancc.com for details!

Legislative Report (Chair: Margo Ban)

- Per the Illinois PTA, the state of Illinois does have a budget. Although the budget was not with all the provisions the Illinois PTA requested, it does include a considerable increase in school funding.
- The Illinois PTA is currently supporting the Show US Amendment that would provide 21 days for citizens to review bills before they are voted on by the legislature.
- Visit www.illinoispta.org for information on bills in question.

Dads / Donuts (Chair: Jeannie Purdy)

- A discussion took place regarding if we should have two dates for Dads & Donuts. Committee chairs will check the number of volunteers and determine if this is feasible.

Box Tops (Chair: Pat Murakami)

- Send your box tops in now.
- Reviewing Escrip memberships.

Room Parents (Chairs: Monica Leonard / Sonya Castella)

- Room Tea scheduled for Tuesday, September 12th at 3:30pm.

Spirit Wear (Chair: Kate Andersen)

- Items on sale September 7th-24th.
- To check sizes, items are currently on display outside the front office.

Motion to Adjourn at 11:05am

2nd Motion to Adjourn at 11:06am.